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SUBJECT: CODEL - COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON SOVEREIGN
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1. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WHO WILL BE IN
BADEN-BADEN ON NOVEMBER 12 WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE COUNCIL
OF EUROPE ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 13. APART FROM
GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN A BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY, STATUS AND
CONCEPTUAL APPROACH OF THE CONVENTION ON SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.
THIS INTEREST RELATES TO THE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO
ACT UPON THE LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF
STATE AND JUSTICE RELATING TO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF LITIGATION AGAINST FOREIGN STATES IN THE COURTS
OF THE UNITED STATES (H.R. 3493).

2. PLEASE CONTACT GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
GOLSONG TO SEE WHETHER HE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE HIGH
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OFFICIAL WOULD BE WILLING TO HOLD "INFORMAL" MEETING WITH

U.S. CONGRESSMEN NOVEMBER 13. IDEAL FORMAT WOULD BE
GENERAL BRIEFING OF DELEGATION FOR 30-45 MINUTES FOLLOWED
BY ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION WITH COMMITTEE STAFF AND ANY

MEMBERS WHO MAY WISH TO GET INTO DETAILS OF THE SOVEREIGN
IMMUNITY CONVENTION. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL
IF GOLSONG COULD PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH WRITTEN MATERIAL
ON THE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY CONVENTION. DELEGATION LIST IS
NOT YET COMPLETE BUT IT PRESENTLY INCLUDES MEMBERS MANN,
DANIELSON, RAILSBACK AND HUNGATE. INGERSOLL

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